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- 1. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) DID NOT HOLD A JOINT MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JULY 27 AS EXPECTED (REF A), BECAUSE EP POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS RULED THAT JOINT COMMITTEES WERE NOT EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS. THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL, AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT REASON: BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD COMMITMENTS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES AND COULD NOT STAY OVER IN BRUSSELS. NEVERTHELESS, THE EP LEADERSHIP APPROVED THE PARLIAMENT'S MISSION TO RWANDA, AND MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN NAIROBI LATE ON JULY 27, EN ROUTE TO KIGALI.
- 2. THE DELEGATION LEADER WILL BE LORD PLUMB (U.K.), FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT. ANOTHER PARTICIPANT WILL BE BERNARD KOUCHNER (FRANCE), A FOUNDER OF THE ORGANIZATION "MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES," WHO IS NOW A MEDIAGENIC POLITICIAN AND NEWLY-ELECTED EP MEMBER. KOUCHNER IS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE EP DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 03 USEU B 08355 01 OF 02 271830Z COMMITTEE, AND REPORTEDLY WAS THE MAIN INITIATOR OF THE EP MISSION. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EP MEMBERS BERNARD STASI (FRANCE), JAN BERTENS (NETHERLANDS), AND LEONIE VAN BLADEL (NETHERLANDS). THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPERIENCED EP STAFFER, DAVID LOWE.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, THE EP FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DID DISCUSS RWANDA ON JULY 27, WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE EP RWANDA MISSION IN ATTENDANCE. PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE AN OUTSPOKEN LOT, AND THE LEADER OF THE EP SOCIALISTS, PAULINE GREEN, SAID SHE HOPED THE MISSION WOULD STAY IN KIGALI AND NOT GO OUT TO REFUGEE CAMPS, WHERE THEY COULD REPRESENT AN ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN AND MIGHT SERVE TO "DISTRACT ATTENTION." U.K. LABOURITE GARY TITLEY WAS EVEN MORE

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OUTSPOKEN, ASKING WHY THE MISSION WAS GOING AT ALL, OR IF IT WAS GOING, WHY IT NEEDED MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE.

4. MISSION MEMBERS SAID THEY WOULD NOT RULE OUT VISITS TO THE FIELD, OR MEETINGS WITH NGO REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THAT THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE IN GOING WAS A POLITICAL ONE, TO TALK WITH THE RPF LEADERSHIP. THE EP GROUP SAID THEY PLANNED TO ASK THE RPF FOR PUBLIC GUARANTEES OF SAFETY FOR RETURNING REFUGEES, FOR FREE MOVEMENT FOR NGO REPRESENTATIVES AND UN FORCES, AND FOR PERMISSION TO SET UP HUMANITARIAN RELAY POINTS FOR RETURNING REFUGEES. THEY ALSO WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW THE RPF PLANS TO GO ABOUT RESTORING MORALE, BRINGING ABOUT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TRIBES, AND DEALING WITH WAR CRIMINALS. MISSION MEMBERS ALSO SAID THEY ALSO HOPED TO MEET WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE. BOTH COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

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5. AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING, THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION OF FURTHER FUNDING ON TOP OF THE 150 MILLION ECU (APPROX. 180 MILLION USD) THAT WILL BE CONVERTED FROM LOME DEVELOPMENT FUNDS INTO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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(REFS B AND C). MANY EU OFFICIALS, AND ESPECIALLY THE PARLIAMENT, ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT SACRIFICING DEVELOPMENT FUNDS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE EMERGENCIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THE GENERAL CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE THAT ANY FURTHER CONVERSION OF DEVELOPMENT MONEY SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

6. INSTEAD, INTEREST SEEMS TO BE TURNING TOWARD THE

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"NOTENBOOM PROCEDURE," NAMED FOR THE EP MEMBER WHO FIRST SUGGESTED IT SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THIS PROCEDURE INVOLVES THE LISTING OF STILL-UNSPENT EU BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; THE MAJORITY OF THESE ALLOCATIONS TEND TO BE IN THE EU'S VAST AGRICULTURAL BUDGET. IT IS THEN POSSIBLE TO CONVERT SOME OF THESE MONIES TO ANOTHER PURPOSE. SOCIALIST LEADER GREEN (AND A SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIAL WE TALKED TO IN THE CORRIDOR) SEE THESE UNSPENT FUNDS AS THE NEXT SOURCE THE EU SHOULD TRY TO TAP FOR RWANDA. NORMALLY, CONVERTING THE ALLOCATIONS WOULD REQUIRE UNTIL MID-AUTUMN, BUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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